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For: TREATMENT OF GRANULAR SOLIDS IN  
AN ANNULAR FLUIDIZED BED WITH  
MICROWAVES

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Examiner: S. M. Gravini

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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March 22, 2010

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2009, please consider the arguments set forth herein in support of the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**A Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.